THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The National Cultural Festival, Delhi Society, which is organising the festival has denied the allegation that the amenities provided to the participants at the tent city are poor. All the requisite facilities that could make the stay of participants at the tent city reasonably comfortable have been provided including water supply for drinking as well as for bathing, electricity, effective sanitation and Hygiene, good catering arrangements, good quality provisions duly tested by the Super Bazar Laboratory, hygienic fresh milk through Delhi Milk Supply Scheme, round the clock medical facilities, facilities for banking, telephone and post office, etc.

A retired Defence Services Officer has been put in-charge of the tent city.

(c) An amount of Rs. 74 lakhs has been earmarked for providing facilities at the tent city.

(d) All the necessary facilities have been provided to the participants at the tent city.

Demands of Delhi Adhyapak Parishad

*340. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Adhyapak Parishad had submitted a memorandum to the Prime Minister in July, 1986; and

(b) if so, what are the demands made therein and what action Government have taken on each demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) In a memorandum dated the 23rd July, 1986 submitted to the Prime Minister, Delhi Adhyapak Parishad mainly demanded revision of pay scales of school teachers in the light of the recommendations of the National Commission on Teachers-I.

In September, 1986 Government of India notified *inter alia* revised scales of pay for different grades of teachers which are based on the recommendations of the Fourth Central Pay Commission.

Government of India has appointed an Empowered Committee which is examining the recommendations made by the National Commission on Teachers-I including the recommendations relating to the pay scales for the school teachers in the context of the recommendations of the Fourth Central Pay Commission. A decision in this regard is expected shortly.

Removal of public grievances at airports

2062. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to remove grievances of travelling public at airports by directing airport officers to be readily available at the airports;

(b) what steps have been taken recently to place responsibility on duty officers of the airports for proper maintenance and efficient functioning of airports in all aspects; and

(c) whether the regional airline committee have also been informed that amenities and facilities like transport, car parks, restaurants etc,

also form part of the functioning of airports and essential to travel through our airlines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Aerodrome officers incharge of the airports under the administrative control of the National Airports Authority, are available at the airports during the arrival and departure of scheduled flights to attend to public compiaints. They are responsible for proper maintenance of passenger handling areas and efficient functioning of the airports. At international airports viz. Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta and Madras, under the administrative control of the International Airports Authority of India, in addition to the General Managers of the respective airports, senior officers of the level of Assistant Director/Airports Officers (operations) are available round the clock to attend to commutors' complaints and to ensure efficient functioning of the airports.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Defected bogies of Tinsukia Mail

2063. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that old and damaged bogies which have surface leakages, electrical defects, unmanageable shutters and damaged basins, constitute the Tinsukia Mail;

(b) whether it is a fact that catering facilities in this train are not provided and the food supplied to passengers is of sub-standard quality; and

(c) what remedial steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir,

(b) No, Sir.

(c) All possible efforts are made to provide relatively new coaches or freshly shop overhauled coaches on important trains. All coaches, with the exception of First Class coaches, running on Tinsukia Mail, are less than 10 years' old. To improve the condition of First Class coaches, a planned rehabilitation programme is being undertaken.

Checks are carried out to improve catering service to the passengers.

Death of Children due to D.P.T. Vaccines

2064. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of children who died during the period April, 1986 upto date, due to administration of DPT vaccines to them;

(b) the names of Hospitals/Centres in different States and Union Territories where the deaths took place;

(c) what are the precise causes to which these deaths are attributable, and what steps have been taken to punish the persons responsible; and

(d) what steps have been taken to prevent such deaths in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (d) From April, 1986 till date eight incidents from different States involving the death of 19 children after alleged vaccination with different vaccines under the Immunization Programme have been reported. No death has been conclusively proved to have been caused by the vaccines. The incidents reported were from the States of Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh,